

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (currently amended) A portable power tool, ~~in particular an angle grinder (10)~~, with a longitudinal housing (12) for accommodating a motor for driving a driven shaft (16) that is ~~U-bent~~ outwardly bent relative to the housing (12), the driven shaft being rotatably supported in a gearbox casing (14) and extending out of the gearbox casing (14) ~~it~~ with a free end that is provided to accommodate a sanding body, whereby a protective cover (43) encompassing the sanding body is capable of being fastened on the gearbox casing (14) such that its rotation can be adjusted, and the rotational position of which is lockable using a notch lever (30),

wherein the notch lever (30) is positioned transversely to the longitudinal axis of the angle grinder (10) and is pivotable around an axis (34) situated substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the housing (12), wherein the axis is a geometrically defined axis, and wherein the notch lever (30) includes at least one rigid engagement cam, wherein said at least one cam secures the protective cover (43) in place in a form-locking manner without play.

2. (original) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the notch lever (30) touches the protective cover (43) in a detent position.

3. (previously presented) The portable power tool as recited in Claim

1, wherein the notch lever (30) is elastically preloaded in the direction toward the protective cover (43).

4. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the notch lever (30) includes centrally located engagement cams (32) that ~~point~~ are oriented toward the protective cover, and a pusher button (38) on a free end for releasing said engagement cams.

5. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the notch lever (30) is fastened on the housing (12, 14) ~~, in particular on the gearbox casing (14).~~

6. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 4, wherein the pusher button (38) of the notch lever (30) projects transversely to the gearbox casing (14) and ~~it's a~~ a circumference of the gearbox casing, so that the pusher button it is ~~conveniently~~ accessible by at least one finger of an operator's hand, ~~in particular the index finger of the operator's hand~~ encompassing the housing (12) ~~in the working position~~.

7. (previously presented) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the gearbox casing (14) includes a gear flange (17) that is capable of being screwed to the housing (12), whereby one of the flange screws (18) also functions as pivot axis (34) of the notch lever (30).

8. (previously presented) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the protective cover (43) is capable of being coupled with the engagement cams (32) of the notch lever in a form-locked manner.

9. (previously presented) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the protective cover (32) has engagement openings (48) arranged in a semicircle, into which the engagement cams (32) of the notch lever (30) are capable of engaging.

10. (new) A portable power tool in the form of an angle grinder, with a longitudinal housing (12) for accommodating a motor for driving a driven shaft (16) that is outwardly bent relative to the housing (12), the driven shaft being rotatably supported in a gearbox casing (14) and extending out of the gearbox casing (14) with a free end that is provided to accommodate a sanding body, whereby a protective cover (43) encompassing the sanding body is capable of being fastened on the gearbox casing (14) such that its rotation can be adjusted, and the rotational position of which is lockable using a notch lever (30),

wherein the notch lever (30) is positioned transversely to the longitudinal axis of the angle grinder (10) and is pivotable around an axis (34) situated substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the housing (12), wherein the notch lever (30) includes centrally located engagement cams (32) that are oriented

toward the protective cover, and a pusher (38) on a free end for releasing the engagement cams.

11. (new) (new) A portable power tool in the form of an angle grinder, with a longitudinal housing (12) for accommodating a motor for driving a driven shaft (16) that is outwardly bent relative to the housing (12), the driven shaft being rotatably supported in a gearbox casing (14) and extending out of it with a free end that is provided to accommodate a sanding body, whereby a protective cover (43) encompassing the sanding body is capable of being fastened on the gearbox casing (14) such that its rotation can be adjusted, and the rotational position of which is lockable using a notch lever (30), wherein the notch lever (30) is positioned transversely to the longitudinal axis of the angle grinder (10) and is pivotable around an axis (34) situated substantially parallel to the housing (12), wherein the gearbox casing (14) includes a gear flange (17) that is capable of being screwed to the housing (12), whereby one of the flange screws (18) also functions as pivot axis (34) of the notch lever (30).

12. (new) A portable power tool, in particular an angle grinder (10), with a longitudinal housing (12) for accommodating a motor for driving a driven shaft (16) that is outwardly bent relative to the housing (12), the driven shaft being rotatably supported in a gearbox casing (14) and extending out of it with a free end that is provided to accommodate a sanding body, whereby a protective cover (43) encompassing the sanding body is capable of being fastened on the

gearbox casing (14) such that its rotation can be adjusted, and the rotational position of which is lockable using a notch lever (30),

wherein the notch lever (30) is positioned transversely to the longitudinal axis of the angle grinder (10) and is pivotable around an axis (34) situated substantially parallel to the housing (12), wherein the axis is a geometrically precise axis, wherein the notch lever (30) includes a rigid engagement cam, wherein said cam secures the protective cover (43) in place in a form-locking manner without play, wherein the notch lever (30) is positioned such that a first end of the notch lever (30) is pivotable about the axis (34), and wherein a second end of the notch lever (30) is accessible as a handgrip or pusher button by an operator of the power tool.

13. (new) The portable power tool of claim 1, wherein the power tool is an angle grinder.

14. (new) The portable power tool of claim 5, wherein the notch lever (30) is fastened on the gearbox casing (14).